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***Kernan awards training grant to Shorewood
Packaging Corp., Indianapolis***

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Gov. Joe Kernan announced today that the Indiana Department of Workforce Development has awarded a \$98,000 Incumbent Worker Training grant to Shorewood Packaging Corp., Indianapolis to upgrade the skills of 14 existing employees.

The grant will ensure employees are successfully trained for the facility's transition to a digital workflow in the pre-press department.

"The advent of new technologies in the printing industry make it imperative that companies take advantage of current training opportunities," said Kernan. "We are happy to partner with Shorewood Packaging to help provide training to upgrade the skills of its workforce."

The training, which is leveraged by a \$138,408 match from the company, will be conducted weekly in small teams and will last for approximately 50 weeks. At the end of the training, participants will take the final Graphic Arts Technical Foundation (GATF) imaging skills certification test. With this certificate, participants will be recognized as having the necessary skills to compete for highly technical jobs in the printing and publishing industry.

"The management and the employees of Shorewood Packaging in Indianapolis would like to thank the State of Indiana and Gov. Kernan for the opportunity for this training through their grant. It was our goal to provide training to an already skilled workforce in the Graphic Arts Analog workflow," said Ken Reddick, Shorewood Packaging general manager. "When we started to convert over to a digital workflow we understood that no one would be able to understand our business better than the people that had been doing it for all these years. Training them in this new technology was the best thing that we could do. This grant gave us the ability to upgrade the skills of our people that we would not have been able to do on our own at this time. We believe that this program is improving the technical skills of our Hoosier workforce and continues to upgrade the quality of life for our Indiana workers. This is a wonderful program and it is great to have the State of Indiana as a partner in our future."

DesktopMedia, an Indiana-based technology solution provider, will provide the customized training.

Shorewood Packaging Corp., a subsidiary of International Paper Co., is one of the world's leading manufacturers of premium packaging, with multiple facilities in North America, Europe and Asia. The diversity and flexibility of its innovative processes, coupled with manufacturing systems that include sheet-fed and web-fed offset lithography, web-fed flexography, and rotogravure, has garnered the company a reputation for being 'design friendly'. Major product areas include printing and packaging for the pharmaceutical, entertainment, and commercial and cosmetic industries.

All Indiana businesses are eligible to apply for Incumbent Worker Training grants. The grants are designed to create a world-class workforce in Indiana, through continuous improvement to the skill levels of Hoosier workers.

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Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this or other DWD programs, contact Jeff Harris at 317/232-3396 or visit the web site at www.workforce.IN.gov.

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